THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Earth Station at Bhubaneswar is working for domestic telecommounication services.

(b) Yes, Sir. STD facility will be progressively introduced in more towns during the Eighth Plan period.

(c) Aska, Bhawanipatna, Bargarh, Barbil, Chandipur, Gunupur, Jatni, Joda, Kendrapara, Kantabanji Nowrangpur, Parlakhemundi, Rajganpur, Talcher, Titilagarh.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Required transmission media and telephone exchanges are being programmed for early commissioning.

Earth Station at Bhubaneswar

134. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had a proposal to establish an Earth-Station at Bhubaneswar:

(b) whether it is also proposed to make Bhubaneswar a software city if an Earth Station is established there; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Earth Station at Bhubaneshwar is working for domestic telecommunication services.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Two alternatives are being examined:

(i) Utilisation of the existing International Gate-way Packet Switched network.

(ii) establishing a dedicated earth station for providing data communication facilities to the Software Technology Park.

Naxalite activities in Andhra Pradesh

135. SHRI JAGHDISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxalite activities are on the increase in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to curb such activities and to restore peace and normalcy in the effected areas; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (d) Extremists belonging to the People's War Group have been active in Andhra Pradesh in recent years. Public order and Police, being State subjects, are primarily the concern of the State Government. However, the Central Government has also been rendering all possible assistance to the State Govt. in the form of additional para-military forces, provision of training facilities for State police personnel, improved communication facilities etc.

दिल्ली नगर निकाय द्वारा झुग्गी-झोंपड़ी तथा पुनर्वास बस्तियों में गृह कर की वसूली

138. श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली नगर निगम अधिनियम के अनुच्छेद 267 के अंतर्गत झुग्गी-झोंपड़ी तथा पुनर्वास बस्तियों में आवासियों से गृह-कर की वसूली करता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और